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COMMISSIONER

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His Excellency, Governor John Lynch
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State of Police, to accept the donation of three (3) Labrador Retrievers from the United States Marine Corps Military Working Dog Program (MWD). The animals are valued at approximately \$3,000.00 and meet the criteria for explosive detection. Effective upon Governor and Council approval.

Explanation

The Canine Unit, within the Division of State Police, began in 1965 and currently consists of sixteen (16) canine teams. These donated canines will replace one canine that will be retiring and one canine that has passed. The State Police are also requesting an additional canine to be assigned to a new handler who is to be determined. The veterinary care, food, and other support materials will be supported through the traffic bureau account (40030000) while the canine is a member of the Division. Upon retirement, in most cases, the canines will be relinquished to the handler to live out his years as a family pet.

The Military Working Dog program built a K-9 corps of approximately 650 single-purpose off leash explosive detection canines and deployed them overseas. With the drastic reductions of combat troops this past year and the continued withdrawals to come, the United State Marines are looking to transfer suitable explosive detector canines to civilian law enforcement with the only expense to the agency being the transportation expense.

Respectfully submitted,

John J Barthelmes
Commissioner
Department of Safety

Subject: [BDC] USMC Working Dog Adoptions
To: bdc@leo.gov

Date: 10/15/12 09:35 AM
From: Nancy Mason <nancy.mason@leo.gov>
Sender: owner-bdc@listserv.leo.gov

Greetings -

The U.S. Marine Corps has about 50 - single purpose, explosive detection dogs available for adoption. This number will increase as the IDD Program is discontinued. The point of contact for the MWD Program is listed below.

The process is relatively easy. Once a department states that they want a dog, the only thing that will take any time is to have the Ft Bragg vet do a final exam and copy the medical records for the adoptive agency. This normally takes 1-2 days. There is no adoption fee; however, the adopting agency will be responsible for all transportation expenses involved.

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This message may be disseminated to all civilian and law enforcement entities that may be interested in adopting an explosive detection canine.

TITLE I

THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 4

POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL IN CERTAIN CASES

Section 4:8

4:8 Gifts to the State. –

I. The governor is authorized to accept in the name of the state gifts of personal property made to the state or for the benefit of its inhabitants, and to execute such instruments as are necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of gifts in trust of personal property for the benefit of the inhabitants of the state.

II. Notwithstanding paragraph I, the commissioner of corrections may accept gifts of personal property for the benefit of the department of corrections valued at \$1,000 or less.

Source. 1923, 32:1, 2. PL 19:8. RL 27:13. 2009, 140:1, eff. Aug. 28, 2009.